

Appln. No. 09/692,661
Appln. filed Oct. 18, 2000
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Accompanying RCE filed Jun. 12, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-15, 17, 19-35, 37 and 39-93 were previously allowed as set forth in the Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due of April 5, 2006.

Applicants have added new dependent claims (i.e., claims 94-153) which depend from already allowed independent claims. The new dependent claims find support, for example, in the claims as originally filed; in the drawings as originally filed; and in the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 10, lines 3-8, 14 and 15; page 11, lines 11-28 and 30-35; page 12, lines 30 and 31; page 74, 18-20, 26 and 27; page 77, line 34; and page 78, lines 8 and 9.

It is believed that the new dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

An excess claim fee is believed to be due. Applicants have previously paid for 93 claims. Applicants have added 60 additional claims, but 6 of the previously pending 93 claims were previously cancelled. Thus, Applicants need to pay for 54 excess dependent claims.

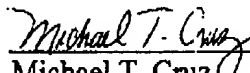
The excess claim fee calculation is as follows: $54 \times \$50.00 = \$2,700.00$.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 1, 3, 5-15, 17, 19-35, 37, 39-153 are in condition for allowance. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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